

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
AT KNOXVILLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

DAVID MINER

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Case No. 3:11-CR-25
PHILLIPS/SHIRLEY

**MEMORANDUM OF LAW IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO DISMISS FOR
VIOLATION OF THE FIFTH AMENDMENT DUE PROCESS CLAUSE**

Comes the defendant, David Miner, and submits this Memorandum of Law in support of his motion to dismiss the indictment for violation of his Fifth Amendment right under the United States Constitution to Due Process of Law.

Mr. Miner was arrested in Florida on an indictment provided by the United States Attorney's office in Knoxville, Tennessee. He was released on bond and ordered to appear in front of United States Magistrate Judge Shirley in Knoxville. Mr. Miner did as he was told. Upon appearing for his initial appearance in Knoxville, Mr. Miner was given a copy of an indictment which was different from the one he was given by the court in Florida. Mr. Miner brought this difference to the attention of Magistrate Judge Shirley. The Court then asked the United States Attorney to provide a copy of the indictment to the Court. They provided one from their file which was different from the first two. The Court then had the clerk of the court retrieve the indictment in the clerk's office, which purported to be the original, and it was different from the other three.

It is clear as a bell that Mr. Miner was arrested in Florida on an indictment that was never presented to the United States Grand Jury. Employees from the United

States Attorney's Office stated that they just prepared another indictment and sent it to Florida. The one sent to Florida was not an exact copy of the indictment that was presented to a grand jury in Knoxville. How can an individual be arrested on an indictment that is illegal?

The Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution provides, "...nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law;..." Where is the due process of law when you can be arrested on an indictment that has never been presented to a grand jury. Where is the due process of law when four copies of an indictment, all different, are presented in court for the arraignment of an individual. It's almost like the TV game show, "Let's Make a Deal." I will take the indictment behind door number 3.

After seeing what has transpired in this case, can anyone have confidence that this case is proceeding with due process of law. The indictment presented to Mr. Miner by the Court in Knoxville was different from the one presented to him by the Court in Florida. It was different that the one presented to the Court by the Assistant United States Attorney. It was different than the one lodged in the court clerk's office. Was the indictment, or copy of same, presented to Mr. Miner by the Court in Knoxville the indictment that was presented to the grand jury and returned by it? What about the indictment kept by the clerk of the court. A copy of that indictment was never presented to Mr. Miner. Why was the copy presented by the Assistant United States Attorney different from all of the others? Who has answers to all of these questions? Nobody seems to know.

There is only one thing about this case that is certain. There is no due process

of law. No one can have confidence that the system is working properly after viewing these facts. Mr. Miner's rights under the Fifth Amendment have been violated. It would be a travesty of justice to allow this case to go further on these facts. This indictment, or whichever one the Court deems to be proper, must be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted this the 8th day of August, 2011.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on August 8, 2011, a copy of the foregoing was filed electronically. Notice of this filing will be sent by operation of the Court's electronic filing system to all parties indicated on the electronic filing receipt. All other parties will be served by regular U.S. Mail. Parties may access this filing through the court's electronic filing system.

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